



# Agriculture Across Ohio

## March 1 Grain Stocks

On March 1, 2016, Ohio corn stocks totaled 310.0 million bushels, 10 percent below a year earlier. About 56 percent of the corn was stored on farms. The second quarter disappearance was 139.6 million bushels, compared with 163.0 million bushels a year earlier. Soybean stocks on March 1, 2016, were 97.0 million bushels. That was 5 percent lower than stocks a year earlier. The second quarter indicated disappearance was 82.4 million bushels,

compared with 78.0 million bushels during the same period a year ago. Farm stocks of soybeans were 45.0 million bushels. Wheat stocks on March 1, 2016, were 42.8 million bushels, 10 percent above a year ago. Approximately 98 percent of wheat stocks were in commercial storage. Third quarter indicated disappearance was 3.0 million bushels, compared with 13.3 million bushels during the same period last year.

## March Hogs and Pigs

Ohio's total hog and pig inventory on March 1 was estimated at 2.60 million head, up 270,000 head from a year ago. Breeding hog inventory, at 185,000 head, was up 3 percent from last March. Market hog inventory, at 2,415,000 head, was up 12 percent from last year. The average pigs saved per litter for the December to February quarter at 10.10 was down 0.35 pigs from last year.

United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2016 was 67.6 million head. This was up slightly from March 1, 2015, but down 1 percent from December 1, 2015. Breeding inventory, at 5.98 million head, was down slightly from last year, and down slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 61.7 million head, was up slightly percent from last year, but down 1 percent from last quarter.

The December 2015 - February 2016 pig crop, at 29.6 million head, was down slightly from 2015. Sows farrowing

during this period totaled 2.87 million head, down 1 percent from 2015. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 48 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high 10.30 for the December-February period, compared to 10.23 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 8.00 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 10.40 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

United States hog producers intend to have 2.84 million sows farrow during the March-May 2016 quarter, down 1 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2015, but up 1 percent from 2014. Intended farrowings for June-August 2016, at 2.91 million sows, are down 3 percent from 2015, and down 3 percent from 2014.

## Ohio Honey Production Down 7 Percent

Ohio honey production for 2015 totaled 850 thousand pounds, down 7 percent from 2014. This estimate included honey from producers with 5 or more colonies. Yields from Ohio's 17,000 honey producing colonies averaged 50 pounds in 2015, compared with 61 pounds the previous year. Ohio honey price averaged \$4.08 per pound, up 50 cents per pound from last year. Value of production totaled \$3.47 million, up 6 percent from 2014. Honey stocks were 357 thousand pounds, up 39 percent from 2014.

Nationally, honey production in 2015 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 157 million pounds, down 12 percent from 2014. There were 2.66 million colonies from which honey was harvested in 2015, down 3 percent from 2014. Yield of honey harvested per colony averaged 58.9 pounds, down 10 percent from the 65.1 pounds in 2014. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State where the honey was

produced. Therefore, at the United States level yield per colony may be understated, but total production would not be impacted. Colonies were not included if honey was not harvested. Producer honey stocks were 42.2 million pounds on December 15, 2015, up 2 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude those held under the commodity loan program.

Honey prices decreased during 2015 to 209.0 cents per pound, down 4 percent from a record high of 217.3 cents per pound in 2014. United States and State level prices reflect the portions of honey sold through cooperatives, private, and retail channels. Prices for each color class are derived by weighting the quantities sold for each marketing channel. Prices for the 2014 crop reflect honey sold in 2014 and 2015. Some 2014 honey was sold in 2015, which caused some revisions to the 2014 honey prices.

## Chickens and Eggs

All layers in Ohio totaled 33.2 million during February, up 4 percent from a year ago. Egg production totaled 755 million eggs, up 8 percent from last year. The rate of lay during February was 2,277 eggs per 100 layers. On March 1, in the East North Central Region, which includes Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and Wisconsin, there

were 10.1 million egg-type eggs in incubators, down 4 percent from a year earlier. In the same region, there were 15.3 million broiler-type eggs in incubators, up 8 percent from the previous year. There were 22 million turkey poults hatched in the U.S. in February, up 1 percent from the previous year.

### Egg and Hatchery Production, February 2016

Item	Unit	2015	2016	Percent Change
<b>Ohio</b>				
All layers	Thou	31,998	33,159	4
Eggs per hundred layers	Num	2,175	2,277	5
Eggs produced	Mil	696	755	8
<b>East North Central Region</b>				
Eggs in incubators, Mar 1				
Egg-type	Thou	10,610	10,136	-4
Broiler type	Thou	14,177	15,300	8
<b>U.S.</b>				
All Layers	Thou	365,440	355,727	-3
Eggs per hundred layers	Num	2,104	2,190	4
Eggs produced	Mil	7,688	7,790	1
Turkey Eggs in incubators, Mar 1	Thou	28,250	27,622	-2
Turkey Poults hatched, Feb	Thou	21,721	21,954	1

## February Agricultural Prices

Prices received by Ohio farmers for the full month of February 2016 are listed in the table below. Some Ohio highlights were: February corn, at \$3.86 per bushel, decreased \$0.04 from January and decreased \$0.09 from last year; February soybeans, at \$8.87 per bushel, decreased

\$0.28 from last month and decreased \$1.43 from last year; February wheat, at \$4.41 per bushel, was unchanged from January but decreased \$1.06 from last year; February milk at \$16.60 per cwt., decreased \$0.30 from last month, and decreased \$1.20 from last year.

### Prices Received by Farmers<sup>1</sup>, February 2016

Commodity	Ohio			United States		
	Feb 2015	Jan 2016	Feb 2016	Feb 2015	Jan 2016	Feb 2016
Corn .....dollars/bu	3.95	3.90	3.86	3.79	3.66	3.57
Hay, alfalfa .....dollars/ton	175.00	210.00	190.00	167.00	147.00	142.00
Hay, other .....dollars/ton	120.00	110.00	110.00	131.00	121.00	125.00
Soybeans .....dollars/bu	10.30	9.15	8.87	9.91	8.71	8.51
Wheat, winter .....dollars/bu	5.47	4.41	4.41	5.70	4.63	4.47
Milk, all .....dollars/cwt	17.80	16.90	16.60	16.80	16.10	15.70

<sup>1</sup> Entire month weighted average price.

## Prospective Planting Report

Ohio farmers plan to plant fewer soybean acres this year and the same number of corn acres as last year. Ohio corn producers intend to plant 3.50 million acres this spring, unchanged from last year. Ohio soybean acreage is forecast at 4.65 million acres for 2016, down 100,000 acres from last year. Producers also plan to harvest fewer hay acres, with

intentions down 80,000 acres from 2015 to 1.00 million acres. This includes alfalfa, grain, and all other types of hay.

Winter wheat acreage for 2016 is estimated at 600,000 acres, up 50,000 acres from the previous year. Ohio's oat acreage is also projected to increase from 70,000 to 75,000 acres.

### Acres Planted by Crop, Ohio and United States: 2014 - 2016

Commodity	Ohio			United States		
	2014	2015	2016	2014	2015	2016
Corn, all						
Planted ..... 1,000 acres	3,700	3,550	3,550	90,597	87,999	93,601
Hay, all						
Harvested ..... 1,000 acres	960	1,080	1,000	57,062	54,437	54,305
Oats						
Planted ..... 1,000 acres	50	70	75	2,753	3,088	2,751
Soybeans						
Planted ..... 1,000 acres	4,700	4,750	4,650	83,276	82,650	82,236
Wheat, winter						
Planted ..... 1,000 acres	620	520	600	42,409	39,461	36,216

## February Milk Production

Dairy herds in Ohio produced 440 million pounds of milk during February, up 4.5 percent from a year ago. The daily rate per cow was 57.1 pounds, up 1.0 pound from February 2015. The dairy herd was estimated at 266,000 head for February, down 2,000 head from a year earlier. The average price of milk sold in February by Ohio dairy producers was \$16.60 per cwt., \$1.20 less than the price in February 2015.

### Ohio Dairy Summary, February 2016

Item		2014	2015	2016
Cows	1,000 Hd	266	268	266
Milk per cow	Lb/day	55.2	56.1	57.1
Production	Mil lbs	411	421	440
Milk price, all	Dol/cwt	25.20	17.80	16.60
Fat test	Pct	3.93	3.92	3.88
Protein <sup>1</sup>	Pct	3.18	3.17	3.15

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